

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In image reading apparatus capable of performing
a read-while-feed operation in which an original is
read while being fed by an image sensor placed at a
5 fixed position, presence/absence of dust and/or dirt on
a platen is detected, and, in a case where dust and/or
dirt are detected at all of a plurality of
predetermined positions by said detector, the read-
while-feed operation is inhibited and the presence of
10 dust and/or dirt is notified to a user. When, removal
of dust and/or dirt on the platen is detected in a
state that the read-while-feed operation is inhibited,
the read-while-feed operation is allowed.